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Editor's Notes

Hello to you all,

I am delighted with all the things that get sent to me. Please keep them coming and if your contribution does not appear, I have probably saved it for next time!

We have more comments on swift postings and two entries for the best skiver. I am sure there are even better amongst you. We remembered last issue what it was like to be a sprog, now we remember what it was to be senior entry. Quite a change! The trouble was, you were not senior entry very long and then you had to leave! We also have the usual jokes, some educational things you always wanted to know and an introduction to numerology.

For those on the net, please respond to our email address appeal. Sending more newsletters by email will reduce the costs of printing the newsletter commercially.

We have details of the 73rd Reunion held in October 2005. If you are planning a reunion, please let the editor know in advance and I will include a notice of the forthcoming event. After all, this newsletter is passed on from person to person, and it might just find its way to an old friend not on your reunion list.

AGM

I have added an agenda and more details of the next AGM and dinner dance in this issue. I have also repeated the booking details so if you have not yet booked, now is the time.

DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUES

To allow for printing and distribution, each newsletter needs to be completed well ahead of the nominal month of issue. If you have a contribution please ensure it reached the editor before the date set below.

23rd May 06 for July 06

23rd September for November 06

23rd January 07 for March 07

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Printing Appeal

We have for many years managed to print the Newsletter and send hardcopy to those that wanted it. Graham Beaston was able to print the newsletter at very little cost to the association. Unfortunately, Graham can no longer provide the service.

This means that we have had to go to a commercial printer for this newsletter. The quality of the printed newsletter has improved but there is cost and consequently, subscriptions may have to increase. However, there are two ways **you** may be able to help.

FIRST APPEAL - EMAIL ADDRESSES

We can reduce printing costs by sending the newsletter out by email. Currently, less than half of the total number of newsletters go out by email. The majority are sent out as hardcopy involving both printing and postage costs. The more we can send out by email, the cheaper it will be for all of us.

So if you are on the net and still get hardcopy through the post, please send an email to John Farmer RAFLAAMS@aol.com saying you will accept your newsletter through the net.

SECOND APPEAL - PRINTING

If anyone might be able to organise low cost printing for the newsletter, please get in touch. We can provide files in the right format and cover expenses. If you might be able to help as Graham did, please contact the editor or any committee member. Addresses and telephone numbers are at the back on the committee page.

Minutes of the 35th Committee Meeting of the RAF Locking Apprentice Association

Venue: Flowerdown House, Weston super Mare

Date: Thursday 16th February 2006 at 13:10 Hrs

Present:-

Tiny Kuhle	87 th	Chairman
Dave Gunby	72 nd	Secretary
Tony Horry	76 th	Treasurer
Peter Crowe	90 th	AA Rep/Webmaster
Andy Perkins	109 th	Tech Rep
Chris Tett	92 nd	Newsletter Editor

Absent: -

John Farmer	77 th	Membership Secretary
Graham Beaston	209 th	Craft Rep
Rick Atkinson	91 st	Service Rep
Vic Gibbs	88 th	General Rep

The Chairman opened the meeting at 13.10 with a greeting to all followed by a reading of the Apprentice Prayer.

ITEM 1 APOLOGIES

Apologies had been received from John Farmer, Rick Atkinson and Vic Gibbs..

ITEM 2 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Committee reviewed the minutes of the 34th Committee meeting and found them acceptable.

It was proposed by Dave Gunby and seconded by Tony Horry that the minutes of the 34th Committee Meeting in July 2005 be accepted as a true record. All agreed.

ITEM 3 MATTERS ARISING

The matters arising were either dealt with by confirmed completion of action points or were to be covered later in this meeting agenda.

ITEM 4 TREASURERS REPORT

The Treasurer presented his annual report.

Accounts as per the income/expenditure statement. (Attached to these minutes on file)
Balance now standing at £8958.79. The Bank statement for period Jan-Feb 2006 has not been received*, so a final FY05/06 statement is not available

AGM

Outstanding expenditure for AGM 2005 includes outstanding payments to Tiny for wine etc.

£200 deposit has been paid to Royal Hotel for AGM 2006 (Sat 22nd April 06)

Cheques are being for members booking for the AGM 2006

Other points:

HSBC have centralised their foreign deposit payments. This has over-ridden the local agreement that I had that bank charge should be £2.

The last foreign payment from Chris Russell (USA \$40) presented to bank was charged at £5 (Not yet shown of accounts) despite presenting a copy of a local agreement. I await a response to my letter of 26th Jan 06 to HSBC Centre Manager Coventry

Tony Horry
Treasurer
15th Feb 2006

*Update – Bank Statement received

Jan – Treasurers A/C = £1586.26
Feb = £ 186.10 +
= £ 201.82 –

Total = £1570.82

Business A/C = £7334.07
Cash = 38.47

Total = £8943.36

Proposed that a donation of £25 be made to Flowerdown House for use of facilities for this meeting.

Acceptance of the Treasurers report and the donation to Flowerdown House was proposed by Chris Tett , seconded by Andy Perkins and accepted by all.

Action :-Tony Horry

ITEM 5 MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT

Membership numbers!

There have been small changes in membership numbers since the AGM. We have gained 4 new members (1 member has rejoined) and lost 2. There are now 621 names (past and present) on the database. 362 are considered to be 'active'.

The number of members paying their 'dues' by Standing Order Mandate has decreased to 236. This leaves 95 who pay by "other means".

Life membership has remained constant at 31.

Golden Years Certificates for 2005.

All despatched.

Newsletters by E-mail

The last edition of the newsletter was sent out successfully in part by e-mail. Several requests for back numbers by E-mail have been received and processed.

Newsletter by mail.

Address lists supplied to the Newsletter Editor in required format. Several requests for back numbers in hard copy have been received and processed.

Appbe Website

No Change

RAFLAA Website

Up and running.

General

A reasonably quiet period apart from generating address lists. This should not cause any problems in the future now that the format and process is agreed.

Proposals for speeding up 'New Members' and subscriptions processing formulated for presentation at this meeting.

This concludes my report.

J. L. Farmer

Membership Secretary RAFLAA

1st February 2006

In the absence of the Membership Secretary, the Secretary read his report to the meeting.

The Secretary also read a letter outlining member John Robertson (76th)'s circumstances. Namely that he is trapped in Zimbabwe with no UK bank account and only e-mail communication ability. The Mem. Sec. suggested that the committee allow John the benefits of membership for the time being and await an improvement in his circumstances. Those present agreed that this should be so.

The Secretary distributed copies of the Membership Secretary's proposals to streamline the process:-

The collecting of subscriptions and monies from new applicants. The Treasurer and Mem Sec had agreed the proposals before hand and changes would take immediate effect. The processing of new applicants. The Secretary and Mem.Sec. had undertaken several changes. The main one being that the secretary would provide the ties where required. To that end the secretary took delivery of ties from Andy Perkins.

Peter Crowe suggested that to encourage the taking out of Standing Order Mandates a form should be attached to the application for membership form when sent out. If a prospective new applicant downloaded the application form then a SO Mandate form would automatically be attached. Peter to provide the necessary link on the Association Web site.

Acceptance of the Mem Sec's report and his new administrative proposals was proposed by Dave Gunby and seconded by Peter Crowe.

Action :- Peter Crowe, Tony Horry, Dave Gunby, John Farmer

ITEM 6 SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Secretary reviewed the correspondence since the last committee meeting. The main point of recent correspondence being a request to No1RS Cosford to nominate a recipient for the RAFLAA Trophy. The Chairman was progressing our request. The secretary reminded the Committee that his term of office ended in April this year, however, he was prepared to continue in office with the approval of the AGM.

Action :- Tiny Kuhle

ITEM 7 RAF LOCKING SITE

The Secretary had received a copy of the proposed Weston Area Development Plan from the SWRDA. This was passed to Tony Horry he being our representative for any relevant meetings.

Tony said that at the last meeting he attended the Plan was still to be finalised and he did not envisage a very prompt resolution of the problems. There being a substantial conflict between the provision of houses and jobs on the RAF Locking Site.

Tony agreed to keep tabs on the situation as it develops.

Action:- Tony Horry

ITEM 8 AGM 2006

All arrangements were in place for this years AGM/Reunion at the Royal Hotel, Weston-Super-Mare on April 22nd. The Chairman and Chris Tett had visited the hotel prior to this meeting. There were only 9 rooms remaining available.

The chairman agreed to provide 60 bottles of wine for the evening meal and presentation to the 'Golden Entry' speakers if any.

The secretary to invite the Chairman of Cranwell AA and Halton AA to the meet and greet bar and buffet lunch at the Associations expense and also to the dinner/Dance in the evening at a cost of £20.00.

In the next Newsletter Chris Tett to invite members to bring along any 'Interesting' items of memorabilia for display. He would also include an item inviting a member of the Golden Entries (74th, 75th and 76th) to say a few words at the AGM when they would receive their certificates (John Farmer to generate)

Chris will also include these minutes in the next Newsletter and also the proposed agenda for the AGM. These items to be with the Editor by 24th Feb 2006.

Action :- Tiny Kuhle, Dave Gunby, Chris Tett, John Farmer.

ITEM 9 RAFLAA WEB SITE

The web site is working well. There have been 600+ hits since it was created in August 2005.

Feedback from members to be invited in an agenda item for the AGM.

Action :- Dave Gunby

ITEM 10 RAFLAA WINDOW IN RAF HALTON CHURCH

The Chairman and Secretary are liaising with other parties regarding the provision of a commemorative Window in St George's Church RAF Halton.

At a recent meeting between our Chairman, Vic Ludlow(Chair CAA) and Min Larkin (HAA) a site was chosen for both our window and that of CAA. It was hoped that a joint service of dedication would be held on Sunday 22nd October 2006. However, much work needs to be done and the Chairman will present a design and cost for approval at the AGM.

Action :- Tiny Kuhle, Dave Gunby

Editors note: since the meeting, the proposed date has changed to 15th October 2006.

ITEM 11 RAFLAA COMMEMORATIVE PLAQUE/TREE

The Secretary provided the actual costs incurred by the RAF Cranwell Association in provision of their Plaque and tree (Photos were provided) at the National Memorial Arboretum. These amounted to a total of £1800+.The Committee decided unanimously to not have a representation in the Arboretum but rather to wait for a more favourable opportunity for a memorial at the RAF Locking site.

ITEM 12 NEWSLETTER PRODUCTION

Chris outlined the costs of producing the Newsletter under the new arrangements with City Print of Milton Keynes. On a trial basis the next Newsletter (Feb 06) will be produced by City Print and, if satisfactory, they will be contracted to produce the other 2 newsletters in 2006.

It was proposed by Chris and seconded by Andy Perkins that £800 be spent on the production of the newsletter trial. All agreed.

The number of members receiving their Newsletter by post was still large contributing to the high cost of production. City Print will operate a 'Please return if not known at this address' system. This will help in establishing those members who have moved or passed on without our knowledge. In addition Chris will put a note in the next newsletter urging those receiving their newsletter by post to tell us if they are able to receive emails.

The high cost of producing the Newsletter, which is a vital part of members benefits, will lead to a Committee proposal to increase members subs from £7.50 to £10.00 with the joining fee to be raised from £10.00 to £15.00.

An AGM agenda item will be promulgated.

Chris Tett proposed that a sum of up to £10.00 be set aside annually for the provision of a prize plaque for the best submission to the Newsletter in the year. This was seconded by Dave Gunby and all agreed.

Action :- Chris Tett, Dave Gunby

ITEM 13 NEW MEMBERSHIP PROPOSALS

The new proposals were dealt with in item 5 of these minutes.

ITEM 14 REVIEW OF COMMITTEE TRAVEL EXPENSES

Following a short discussion the Chairman suggested the mileage rate should be increased from 20p to 25p per mile wef 1st July 2006. Peter Crowe seconded and there was a majority in favour.

ITEM 15 REPLENISHMENT OF STOCKS

Stocks of the lapel badge are down to the last 13. These are held by Mike Curtis who forwards them to new members together with the name badge that he produces. Tony Horry suggested that the original stock came from Cranwell AA. The secretary agreed to contact CAA with a view to obtaining further supplies.

Action :- Dave Gunby

ITEM 12 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Tony Horry had received a letter from Ken Farmer (75th) enclosing £100 to cover life membership. He also requested two apprentice wheels. The Treasurer has thanked Ken for his donation. Ken had included a number of memories of times long gone in the RAF and so it was thought that he may like to write a contribution for our Newsletter. The Secretary would write to Ken in this regard and would also organise two wheels.

Action :- Dave Gunby

ITEM 11 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Committee meeting to be held on 20th July at RAFA Weston Branch at 1300hrs. Tony Horry will liase with RAFA Weston re the reservation of a room for the meeting.

Action :- Tony Horry

The meeting closed at 16.30 Hours.

Dave Gunby

Secretary

Distribution:- President, Chairman, All Committee Members, File.

Contests

SWIFTEST OVERSEAS POSTING AND MOVEMENTS

It looks as though Mike Collier and 76th have this dubious honour though as Peter Challingsworth, 104th Entry shows many others came close.

Paul Challice, 95th has widened the **Movements** debate with his account of not going anywhere much!Unless you have had even less travel to show for 12+ years in the RAF?

BEST SKIVES

We have two entries this Newsletter for the best skive from Mike Fiske (Nee-Ernie) 71st and Tiny Kuhle 87th but I think that a making a two week light duties chit last six months must take the award.....unless you know different!

WORST AND BEST

Many people have great tales to tell of how the RAF was great for them. Others have stories of how the RAF was really bad and unreasonable from them. In my case, the RAF was all right when I was single but it got progressively worse as I married and then had children. I am sure many have tales to tell and we would all like to hear from you. ED.

Swiftest Overseas Posting (III)

From Peter Challingsworth, 104th Entry

While I cannot claim the record here, I do lay claim to joint second place. John Toomer and I were in the 104th Entry of Aircraft Apprentices at RAF Locking. Our Pass-Out date was 5 April 1966, and on 13 May we both reported for duty at 303 Signals Unit, RAF Khormaksar, Aden, making an interval of 38 days (as opposed to Mike Collier's 30 days).

However, I could probably knock a couple of days off of that by saying "I was on a plane on May 11th"; the real test should be the elapsed time from Passing Out to Reporting for Duty rather than Pass-Out to embarking on a plane.

Our Entry also had 4 members who headed straight to Seletar, 1 to Labuan and 1 to Germany, none of whom can remember their posting dates. That makes 8 overseas first postings out of 39 (yes, thirty-nine) who Passed Out, 20% of the Entry.

Movements

From Paul Challice, 95th Entry

The "Movements" article in the November 2005 Newsletter about quick postings made me think, but this time about distance. I was born in Frome, Somerset, and became a member of the 95th in 1960. Once I had my 'illegal' Triumph Tiger Cub I discovered it was only 30 miles over the Mendips from Locking to Frome; home for the weekend in less than an hour. Never mind, in 1963 I was posted ... to Lyneham, a mere 29 miles from Frome, and I now had a Triumph Thunderbird, home for Mum's eggy-bacon in about 35 minute! So much for 'Join the RAF and see the world'!

Even when I did get posted further afield, it was to Aden in 1967 (when they were shooting at us), and the furthest East I have ever got was Masirah, by Blackburn Beverley, and even looking carefully across the Indian Ocean I was unable to see the mythical 'Far East'. I am still not sure if it exists! Later, I tried going West, but the furthest I got was mid-Atlantic in Shackletons, and later Nimrods. However, I did eventually get to the Falklands, when I was flying on Sea Kings. And helicopters are supposedly short range aircraft!

To sum up 30 years service; it took me four and a half years to get more than 30 miles from home, I have never been East of Masirah, and it took me 22 years to get past mid-Atlantic. I now wait to hear from some ex-App born in W-S-M who was posted to Locking as an instructor!

SKIVES (1) - Light Duties

From Tiny Kuhle – 87th

One of the lesser acknowledged results of Apprentice training (in fact almost subliminal), was that of knowing how to beat the 'system', or better still making it work for you! I maintain that having a Light Duties chit (the Chit) allowed one to do just that - make the system work for you. Of course the only problem was that one first of all had to have some medical complaint to justify having a chit. But light duties meant getting off with such boring things like Wing and Station parades, drill periods, bull nights, and almost anything else you could think off.

I did have a medical affliction, which meant that I had to have my left leg immobilised by a plaster cast for some six weeks. That meant that the sight of me hobbling about for a nice long time, stopped even the most curious of NCO's asking what I was doing not marching around, or idling my time in the billet whilst there was a parade on. In short they just got used to seeing me limp.

Now having a plaster cast on one's leg is not a skive, but the cast has to come off some time. Now one needs the chit most earnestly. The two weeks that the medics reckoned it should take to allow the leg to become mobile again had to be extended, but how? Now when asked to produce the chit, one merely waved it under a curious NCO's nose, being careful to put one's thumb over the expiry date, simple really! By now most people who would want to know, had become used to me not taking part in these silly and boring things, and didn't bother to ask.

Time was getting on a bit, and the boxing season started again. Having already got a couple of championships under my belt, I needed to start training again. But I still didn't fancy doing parades, or marching down to the Tech. Blocks. So, to those outside of the 'noble art', I continued to wave a chit at them (by now a bit dog-eared), and it still worked!

We had also started to go to civvy boxing club shows, for additional experience, and one of our best supporters was FS 'Chiefy' Burley, who could clear the block inside 10 seconds with a cry of 'On Parade - get outside'. I knew I'd cracked it, when the night after a successful night's boxing in Wells, with Chiefy in attendance, I as usual, avoided the wing parade the following morning and who should look into the billet, searching for malingerers, but Chiefy. To the question, 'What you doin' Kuhle?' I meekly replied 'Light duties chief'. Instead of the sky falling in on me, and with a twinkle in his eye, he grunted and left me to it!

My extended 'light duties' eventually had to come to an end after I'd been given my hook, and I was now named on Wing Orders for parades etc. Drat! that was too chancy, but that meant I had to go on parade with a rifle, I'd avoided all those lovely sessions when we were introduced to rifle drill. My good mate, Dave Whinray, spent several hours with a broom trying to teach me some of the rudiments of rifle drill, which meant I got away with it again!

All good things must come to an end sometime. I maintain that having a perpetual chit for the best part of six to eight months, must be the best skive of all - until we hear otherwise of course!

SKIVES (2) - Sports

From Mike Fiske (Nee-Ernie) 71st Entry

Wednesday was sports afternoon, a time for fresh air and exercise and also Cross Country Running (what today we might call a 'default setting').

Now I was not keen or organised sports but I soon worked out that I was going to become a 'hockey fan'. This was the shortest game, and because it was popular with our brethren from Pakistan, there were always more persons than team members required. By staying in the background it was so easy to be not selected! Also the hockey pitches were more isolated, over by the Station Commanders House.

After half time a little mud around the knees and a wee limp sort of qualified one to return slowly back to ones billet to lie down and recover. A stick from the sports store and a pair of second hand hockey boots were the props. (Jim Chapman used to get a pile of comics on Wednesday so I got an early read as well). And then to 'early tea'.

Summer was more tricky, but I found that I could go horse riding at a stables on the Locking Rd. for 2/6 a week. This sort of enabled me to ride around Weston town and the beach for three hours ----- and be issued with a pass for 23.00 on Wednesday.

Then meet a girlfriend - cuppa tea and a bun and the pictures and a snog on the sea front. (In the second year with a cash salary of alternate 15 shillings and 17/6 this was possible.)

Willie Wailling once lent me a tracksuit top - which had more badges for sport than a Queens Scout - and some girls saw me wearing it, on it, than a Queens Scout - and some girls saw me wearing it, while astride a big horse, near the Odeon. This was before he got promoted to the Vatican and his excommunication due to a fire. They would never believe I was not a sports man !!

You know the 71st Entry moved to 'B' Squadron under the command of S/Ldr Blaydon -----but to me that was great as they did not use kit formers in their locker kit!

Humour

For this newsletter the jokes have an ageing and biker theme

DYING

Two from Stan Murray 92nd Entry

Queen Elizabeth and Dolly Parton die on the same day. They both go before St. Peter to find out if they'll be admitted to heaven.

Unfortunately, there's only one space left that day, so St. Peter must decide which of them gets in. He asks Dolly if there's some particular reason why she should go to heaven, whereupon she takes off her top and says, "Look at these. They're the most perfect breasts God ever created, and I'm sure it will please God to be able to see them every day for eternity."

St. Peter thanks Dolly, and asks Her Majesty the same question.

The Queen takes a bottle of Perrier out of her purse, shakes it up, and gargles, then she spits into the toilet and pulls the lever.

St. Peter says, "Okay, your Majesty, you may go in."

Dolly is outraged and asks, "What was that all about? I show you two of Gods most exquisite creations and you turn me down. She simply gargles and spits and she gets in. Would you explain that to me?"

"Sorry, Dolly," St. Peter says, "but even in Heaven a royal flush beats a pair, no matter how beautiful they are."

AM I GETTING OLD?

A couple had been married for 50 years. They were sitting at the breakfast table one morning when the wife says, "Just think, fifty years ago we were sitting here at this breakfast table together. "I know," the old man said, "We were probably sitting here naked fifty years ago. "Well," Granny snickered, "Let's relive some old times."

Whereupon the two stripped to the buff and sat down at the table. "You know, darling," the little old lady breathlessly replied, "My nipples are as hot for you today as they were fifty years ago. "I'm not surprised," replied Grandad. "One's in your tea and the other is in your porridge"

FOODS

A dietician is addressing an audience in a retirement home.

"The material we put into our stomachs is enough to have killed most of us here years ago. Red meat is awful. Soft drinks erode the stomach lining. Chinese food is loaded with MSG. Vegetables can be dirty and disastrous and none of us realise the long-term harm caused by germs in our drinking water. "

"But there is one thing that is the most dangerous of all and most of us have eaten it. Can anyone tell me what food it is that causes the most grief and suffering for years after you eat it?"

75 year-old Charles stood up and said: "Yes - Wedding Cake"

STOPPED IN HIS TRACKS

From John Hall 92nd

An elderly woman had just returned to her home from evening Mass when an intruder startled her. She caught the man in the act of robbing her home of its valuables and yelled, "Stop! Acts 2:38!" (Repent and be baptised, in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven.)

The burglar stopped in his tracks. The woman calmly called the police and explained what she had done. As the officer cuffed the man to take him in, he asked the burglar, "Why did you just stand there? All the old lady did was yell a scripture to you."

"Scripture?" replied the burglar. "She said she had an axe and two 38's!"

PRIORITIES

From Phil Marston 92nd Entry

As we age, our priorities change. The other day I came home and was greeted by my wife, dressed only in very sexy underwear and holding a couple of short velvet ropes.

"Tie me up," she purred, "and you can do anything you want."

So, I tied her up and went golfing.

APPRENTICE DAYS

When we became senior entry or close, some apprentices would purchase cars or, more frequently, motor bikes. Of course, being prohibited meant keeping the motorbikes off camp and riding them away from Locking. Consequently groups of bikers would rent a garage and ride together.

One group of AA's had motored out to a pub and were enjoying a glass or two when in walked a lady biker carrying her helmet and her blond hair flowing. She was clad head to foot in a very tight leather suit. It looked completely seamless.

As she walked past, one apprentice could not help himself and exclaimed "Wow! How do you get inside that?"

She replied "Well, a large gin & tonic would be a start"

BIKER TALK

From Graham (Olly) Holbrook (94th entry)

A good-looking biker stops by the Harley shop to have his bike fixed. They couldn't do it while he waited, so he said he didn't live far and would just walk home.

On the way home, he stopped at the hardware store and bought a bucket and an anvil. Next, he stopped by the feed store and picked up a couple of chickens and a goose. However, he now had a problem, how to carry all of his purchases home.

The owner said, "Put the anvil in the bucket, carry the bucket in one hand, put a chicken under each arm and carry the goose in your other hand." "Hey, thanks!" the biker said, and out the door he went.

In the parking lot, he was approached by a little old lady who told him she was lost. She asked, "Can you tell me how to get to 1603 Mockingbird Lane?"

The biker said, "Well, as a matter of fact, I live at 1616 Mockingbird Lane. Let's take my short cut and go down this alley. We'll be there in no time."

The little old lady looked him over cautiously, and then said, "I am a lonely widow without a husband to defend me. How do I know that when we get in the alley you won't hold me against the wall, pull up my skirt, and ravish me?"

The biker said, "Holy smokes, Lady! I'm carrying a bucket, an anvil, two chickens, and a goose. How in the world could I possibly hold you up against the wall and do that?"

The lady said, "Well... Set the goose down, cover him with the bucket, put the anvil on top of the bucket, and I'll hold the chickens."

Another Test for Dementia

Thanks to John Hall 92nd

ALZHEIMERS' EYE TEST

Count every " F " in the following text:

FINISHED FILES ARE THE RESULT OF YEARS OF SCIENTIFIC
STUDY COMBINED WITH THE EXPERIENCE OF YEARS...

Count before looking down

HOW MANY ?

Answer:
..... 3?
WRONG, THERE ARE 6
-- no joke.
READ IT AGAIN

The reasoning behind this is:

The brain cannot process "OF".

Incredible or what? Go back and look again!!

Anyone who counts all 6 "F's" on the first go is a genius.

Three is normal, four is quite rare.

So perhaps you are alright after all!

Things you always wanted to know!

My thanks to John Hall 92nd Entry

If you yelled for 8 years, 7 months and 6 days you would have produced enough sound energy to heat one cup of coffee.

(Hardly seems worth it.)

If you farted consistently for 6 years and 9 months, enough gas is produced to create the energy of an atomic bomb.

(Now that's more like it!)

The human heart creates enough pressure when it pumps out to the body to squirt blood 30 feet.

(Ohh Myyy Godd!)

A pig's orgasm lasts 30 minutes.

(In my next life, I want to be a pig.)

A cockroach will live nine days without its head before it starves to death.

(Creepy.)

(I'm still not over the pig.)

Banging your head against a wall uses 150 calories an hour.

(Do not try this at home..... maybe at work.)

The male praying mantis cannot copulate while its head is attached to its body. The female initiates sex by ripping the male's head off.

("Darling, I'm home. What the....?!")

The flea can jump 350 times its body length. It's like a human jumping the length of a football field.

(30 minutes... lucky pig... can you imagine??)

The catfish has over 27,000 taste buds.

(What could be so tasty on the bottom of a pond?)

Some lions mate over 50 times a day.

(I still want to be a pig in my next life...quality over quantity)

Butterflies taste with their feet.

(Something I always wanted to know...)

The strongest muscle in the body is the tongue.

(HMMMMMM.....)

Right-handed people live, on average, nine years longer than left-handed people.

(If you are ambidextrous, do you split the difference?)

Elephants are the only animals that cannot jump.
(OK, so that would be a good thing....)

A cat's urine glows under a black light.
(I wonder who was paid to figure that out?)

An ostrich's eye is bigger than its brain.
(I know some people like that.)

Starfish have no brains.
(I know some people like that, too.)

Polar bears are left-handed.
(Hmmm... perhaps time for a switch??)

Humans and dolphins are the only species that have sex for pleasure.
(What about that pig??)

A Day in the Life – Senior Entry (Early October 1956)

From Mike Collier 76th Entry

Dimly I hear reveille. The duty trumpeter has been advised not to come too close to the senior entry huts. I try to decide if I should go to breakfast. As I seem to have been permanently hungry for the last, almost three years, it is not a difficult decision. Automatically, I go through the routine which terminates at the mess. One of the duty servers is sparing with the beans. I ask for more, moving my left arm slightly. The three G.C's at the bottom of the sleeve elicit a positive response. Back in the hut, some people are just getting up. I make my bed, lift my ready-made bed pack into position and complete the rest of the kit layout. A quick sweep under my bed. Yesterday, on returning from morning tech., we found that the Flight Commander had signed his name in the dust under someone's bed.

We amble out to the road and join our various classes. The S.A.A. in our group organises us and we march off to the rifle range. G.C.T. is our first session. The range sergeant splits us into two groups. A "rockape" corporal takes my half into a classroom. A Bren gun stands on a table. One of us is ordered to strip it down. In turn, we are told to name the parts. Someone else gets the re-assembly job. We change places with the other group and go into the range. I hate firing the 303. The first problem is, that to a large extent I am ambidextrous and cannot decide whether to fire left or right handed. I opt for the latter, because it is easier to manipulate the bolt but am not comfortable. We load five rounds. I line up the sights, my whole body is tense, I grit my teeth, close my eyes and gently squeeze the trigger. There is a very loud bang; the guy next to me has fired first. I flinch involuntarily. There is a second loud bang, much closer, as my rifle fires. Determined not to get caught again, I rapidly eject the spent shell, reload, align on the target and pull the trigger. There is a tremendous thump on my right shoulder. I have forgotten to hold on tight to the rifle. I wait until everyone has fired before I loose off the next shot. When all five rounds are fired, we clear the rifles and stand up. The range sergeant has the targets. "Who was number three?" I raise my hand. "What's your name?" "Collier, sergeant" I reply. "Come ere Collier, what do you call this?" He thrusts the target at me. There is a hole in the periphery of the outer and a semi-circular nick out of the opposite side. I reject flippancy in favour of humility, it does no good. I am severely ticked off for my lack of skill and inability to follow simple instructions. The guy who was next to me has six holes in his target. I idly wonder if one of those in the bull was one of mine.

We move on to our second period, maths. My dread of this subject has almost disappeared since we started calculus. I am no longer the village maths idiot and seem able to get correct answers to most of the examples.

A session in the H2S4A lab completes the morning. We are into fault finding on this, our last radar equipment. I run up my set, there is definitely something wrong. With a rough idea of which box may be causing the problem, I go into my usual fault finding technique of hunt the recently soldered/unsoldered joint. Eventually, I find a disconnected wire. With the aid of the circuit diagram I concoct a reason why this should cause the fault, wait until Fit. Sgt. Craigmyle is busy and calls the corporal. He listens to my explanation and dismisses me from the room. On returning, there is a different fault. The process repeats. By the end of the morning I have two more faults to my credit. Its lunch time, we march back up the hill, dump books and collect mug and irons. I have a letter from my girl friend back home. It smells vaguely of perfume. Roll on half term. I put it into the top pocket of my battledress, to read after lunch. We are late, there is a long queue. Some of our entry are approaching the servery, we wander to the front to join them. Muttering from behind is silenced by a glance in that direction. Lunch completed, I stroll back to the billet, lay on my bed and read my letter. I have

started a reply when there is movement towards the door. Time to return to work. We file into the basic radio classroom. The lecture is on rectangular to circular waveguide connection. It is just after lunch, the subject is boring, my mind starts to wander. I still play football for one of the wing teams. Last Saturday, we played at Highbridge. As usual, we were much fitter and more skilful than the opposition. Consequently, I spent most of the match, leaning on a goalpost, chatting to the local girls. On one rare occasion the ball bounced into my penalty area. As I gathered it, the opposing centre forward, who was a very big lad, charged in my direction. Obviously intent on propelling me and the ball into the net. (Goalkeeper bashing was still an legal pass time in those days) A side step, just before impact, allowed me to check if 'Newton's first law of motion' still worked. It did, he finished as a tangle of arms and legs in the back of the net. The girls laughter did little to alleviate the glare of pure hatred levelled at me as he returned to the game. I smile to myself. "What's so funny lad?" I am looking at the sharp end of the blackboard pointer. Frantically I search for a non-existent answer and lamely reply "Nothing sir". I receive my second ticking off of the day and try to concentrate on the rest of the lesson.

Workshops follows the radio session. My superhet is almost finished, only a couple more parts to make and a bit more wiring to complete. I hope it works, as I carefully cut out the parts for the remaining trimmers.

The final part of the day is spent in the hangar, working on the retired Lincoln that lives there. The corporal running the session, decides that we will power it using the large blue, four wheeled, P.E. set. I'm sure he knows that I loathe this machine, as he details me to crank it. Tentatively, I turn the starting handle. It kicks back viciously. I am ordered to "Put my back into it". Greatly concerned that it is going to break my wrists, I eventually manage to wind it fast enough for it to cough into life. We are split into groups. My group is detailed to fix a fault on the Rebecca IV. We get out the 'dog' test set and are shown how to plug it in and operate it. My colleague and I clamber into the aircraft. He 'runs up' the set, there are no signals. Asked what we would do next, I suggest changing the T/R. This meets with approval. I am told to do it. After clambering back over various spars, I find the box, disconnect and remove it from its tray. It is a fairly large, heavy cylinder and it is difficult to see my feet when carrying it. I trip and almost fall through an open hatch, still clutching the Rebecca T/R. My already sore shoulder is damaged again. The corporal demonstrates how to complete the appropriate paperwork and provides another T/R. Once fitted, I 'run up' the equipment. It works, I think I am going to enjoy working on aircraft.

Time for our final trip of the day up 'cardiac rise'. Tea is the usual formality. Back in the billet, we hear that one of our number has had trouble with an uncooperative 'sprog'. The 'sprog' has been invited to present himself at 1845. The hut is prepared for a kangaroo court. Entry flag across one end, with table in front for the court officials. Our L.A.A. finds that he has urgent business elsewhere. The 'sprog' has the good sense to arrive on time. The trial is held, he is obviously guilty. To demonstrate his repentance, he kindly agrees to bull the centre part of our billet floor. Bumper, polish and floor pads are provided.

Ginge Clark and I decide to do some more basic radio swotting. Finals are a very dark cloud on a not too distant horizon. Armed with our books, we find a quiet storeroom and start asking each other questions. Unfortunately, I am an inveterate giggler. After about an hour, I find one of his answers funny and start to laugh. Within a couple of minutes there is obviously no point in continuing. I am incapable of saying anything which does not appear to me to be hilariously funny. We adjourn to the N.A.F.F.I.

On returning to the hut, I am greeted by a haze of cigarette smoke and the combined smell of polish and freshly made toast. The occupants are dispersed around in various states of undress. Radio Luxembourg issues from an illegal radio. In one small group, someone is being derided for his preference of modern to traditional jazz. Occasional

laughter and expletives emerge from the dull murmur of other simultaneous conversations. Our tame pugilist shadow boxes in the centre of the floor. A freshly pressed civilian shirt hangs from a locker front, the owner works on the associated trousers. On the way to my bed space, I pass an illicit kettle which is about to boil. I am always amazed how all the contraband items manage to disappear before morning. Habitually, I check my boots and beret badge. Give both a quick wipe over. I lay on my bed and finish my letter. There are still some H2S4A notes to copy up, I start to do them.

The orderly corporal pokes his head into the room and shouts light out. A chorus of disapproval greets the announcement as the lights are doused. It is 2245. Various forms of unauthorised lighting spring up and some activities continue. One by one these lights extinguish over the next 30 minutes or so. Another day nearer passing out!

Attestation Numbers

From John Brooke, 85th entry

On the 23rd January 1957 our official 'attestation' took place and we 'signed on' to serve in the RAF until at least the age of thirty.

Several events come to mind from that momentous day, at RAF Locking. But the most significant of these was our first introduction to our unique and individual service number. As you will perhaps recall, this was totally without any ritual; it was prewritten on each individual's attestation form! This is not unlike a secondary baptism, forever after this six-digit number would be imprinted in our memory and be part of our persona.

No doubt, like me you have used this number in many ways, and not as originally intended, e.g. passwords for various digital devices or accounts, long after leaving the services. It was during such a period, whilst on a visit to New Delhi (and the Indian Air force) in 1972 that I became interested in 'numerology' and thus developed a keen interest in the possible significance of numbers in our lives.

In simple terms, each "sun-sign" is sub-divided into prime numbers 1 to 9. Persons born on days in a month 1 to 9 use this directly as their prime number. Thereafter, on later dates in the month (10 through 31) you take the sum of the numbers to find their prime. Thus the 12th day gives a prime of 3, also 21 is prime 3, as does 30, and thus is part of the same sub-group of their sun sign. One different example, taking persons born on the 4th of the month will give a prime number of 4, as would those born on the 13th and 22nd and so on. My actual date of birth was 21/09/39 with 21 equating to a prime number of 3, which I have adopted as my 'lucky number'! Additionally, if you consider the other digits in my birth date, September is month 9, which is 3x3, and the year 39 is the 3+9=12 thus prime 3 (1+2), which is a strong base number. Some western philosophers have also considered prime numbers to be significant, as have some religions. Take for example the number 3 as in the Holy 'Trinity'. In other religions sects the number 7 is also revered: derived perhaps from the "seven gates of Heaven" or "Hell"! (Incidentally, 21 is product of both these prime numbers: 3x7=21 (2+1=3!). On this basis alone '21' should be a very significant or lucky number? My Wife's prime number is 7, being born on the 25th day. My daughter got married on the 03/09/1993, an infamous historical anniversary!

Have I applied this numeral awareness in my professional and daily life? One such personal example, was to utilise a combination of my initials and prime number on a personalised car number plate, **JPB 33**. This was initially on a new Executive Company car, but the plate has subsequently been transferred to each new vehicle until now. Secondly, when I retired from corporate business, and became as a business consultant, I had an individual E mail domain address of johnbrooke@jpb33.com

In recalling my past initiation into the RAF, my service number was **682764**. If you sum these six digits it gives **33**! I have been totally unaware of this fact until this week, whilst thinking about this 1957 anniversary of attestation. Thereafter, it was natural curiosity for me to add-up or sum, my old service number!

Is this spooky or complete coincidence? Answers on a post card, but no prizes!

73rd Entry Reunion October 2005

From Ben Cuming 73rd

The reunion was an early celebration of 50 years since our Passing Out in December 1955. We had a weekend of relaxation and recollection at Dauncey's Hotel in Weston. 21 members attended, half the number who passed out. Wives and guests made the number up to 33 (plus Clive Wilton's dog Tess!) Among those able to be present were the three Sergeant Apprentices of the Entry, Mike Baker, Derek Foster and Ted O'Toole.

We gathered on the Friday evening for a very informal natter and we were pleased to have Charles Hart (71st) and Tony Horry (76th) to join us for the evening.

Our Principal guests were Squadron Leader (ret'd) and Mrs Sandy Craigmyle. Sandy, who taught many of us the mysteries of H2S, was an Apprentice in the 36th Entry at Cranwell.

At lunchtime on the Saturday, one of our members, Hugh Strafford, was present to launch his new book "Queen's Airman - The School Days" which is a novel based on the life and times of the 73rd during their years at Locking. The launch was attended by a member of the Weston Mercury Staff and a photograph of the event made page 18 of that august journal!

After Dinner we were entertained to a wonderful speech by Sandy Craigmyle, during which, we learnt something of the life and deprivations of an Apprentice at Cranwell in the years leading up to World War 2. Sandy impressed us all with his ability to recall in detail many of the events during our time at Locking.

Hugh Strafford read some significant pages from his book, which whetted our appetites for more details and at the same time, no doubt, helping future sales! Rod Kent closed the formal proceedings with a short speech of thanks.

Several members stayed until lunchtime on Sunday, to complete a most enjoyable weekend.

Vulcan to the Sky Project

Calling all those who ever worked on a Vulcan. There is a project to restore a Vulcan, make it air worthy and return to the sky. Here is an extract from the project website

XH558 is yours!

The Nation has now acquired an awesome Heritage Asset, thanks to the generosity of the thousands of supporters of the campaign and the Heritage Lottery Fund, which has enabled Vulcan to the Sky Trust to purchase and begin restoration of this last iconic representative of the Cold War period.

Avro Vulcan XH558, now to be restored, belongs to the Nation – to you. To all and everyone who has ever bought a Lottery ticket and most particularly to all those who have donated to become Associates, Friends and Club members of Vulcan to the Sky, Congratulations and thank you. This is no mean achievement and many congratulations are in order. The way forward remains tortuous, as has been the process of raising the funds, winning the HLF grant and continuing to raise the partnership funding and sponsorship to get XH558 airborne.

This is, however, a historic moment and the entire Nation, whether supporters, or not, cannot but applaud the courage and dedication of those thousands whose lives were inextricably bound up in the V-Force and the Cold War, whose childhoods were not only influenced but changed by the constant sound and sight of a deterrent force preparing itself to defend not just a nation but a western peace. There are those, too, who having once seen the mighty Vulcan in flight have never forgotten. This project will make a difference, not only will an awesome icon return to its rightful place in the sky but it will unleash a wealth of information and interpretative material to a generation that knows little of a 'Cold War' that kept the peace following the major conflicts. The Cold War was the single greatest initiative that never became 'Hot' but did not fail. XH558 and the Vulcan to the Sky Trust will bring alive the strategy and success of the time, and bring relevance and poignancy to those years that are so much a part of our history.

So far, the Vulcan has been purchased and work begun but there is much to do. The project is run as a Charitable Trust. It has had a grant but always needs more donations. They offer special merchandise, an opportunity to purchase a piece and Vulcan Visitor's scheme.

There is lots more information on the website. Check it out at:
<http://www.vulcantothsky.com>

Or for those not on the net, call Freephone 0800 0832022 for more information or for a copy of the current newsletter.

HM Armed Forces Veterans Badge

The Veterans Minister has now extended the qualification for the Veterans Lapel Badge to 31/12/54. If interested see <http://www.veteransagency.mod.uk> or send off the form below.

To qualify for the Veterans Badge any of the following criteria must be met:
Men and Women who served in HM Armed Forces up to and including 31st December 1954. Merchant Navy Seamen, Polish Forces under UK Command, Cyprus Regiment, Homeguard. (This does not include Veterans who Served in Armed Forces of other countries and who served alongside HM Armed Forces)

Widow(er)s in receipt of a War Widow(er)s Pension paid by Veterans Agency. The deceased must have Served up to and including 31st December 1954.

Full name	
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Post Code	
Telephone number & STD code	
E-mail address	
National Insurance Number (only complete if in receipt of war widow(er)'s pension)	
Date of Birth	/ / 19
HM Armed Forces Service / Unit	
HM Armed Forces Service Number	
Service Period(s)	/ /19 to / /19 / /19 to / /19

We are looking to improve our services and one way of doing this is to send you information about the latest developments affecting veterans or to ask for your feedback. To do this, we need to hold your personal details on a computer. To comply with data protection, we have to ask for your agreement to do so. Please tick yes or no. If yes, you can ask us to remove your details at any time by simply writing to Veterans Services, Veterans Agency, Room 6108, Norcross, Blackpool FY5 3WP

Yes

No

Veterans Agency contact details:

Postal address: Veterans Agency, Thornton-Cleveleys, Norcross, Blackpool, FY5 3WP.

Email: help@veteransagency.gsi.gov.uk

Fax: 01253 330561

Veterans Agency Free Helpline: 0800 169 2277 (UK Only)

0800 169 3458 (Minicom)

+44 1253 866043 (Overseas)

Extra Notice for those attending the AGM

CAR PARKING AT THE ROYAL HOTEL

Unlike Dauncey's, the Royal Hotel has a car park but it is a public 'Pay & Display' car park. As guests, you qualify for free parking but you must collect a token from the hotel reception on arrival and display that in your car.

MEMORABILIA

In order to make the AGM more interesting, please bring items of memorabilia. If you still have that old superhet you built or a tower made from solder, or an interesting photo, do bring it along. There will be a table and board for photos. But no pictures of grandchildren please!

GOLDEN ENTRIES

If you are a member of the Golden Entries (74th, 75th and 76th), you will be invited to say a few words about your entry when you receive your certificate so do have a think about that!

RAFLAA WEB SITE

The web site is working well. There have been 600+ hits since it was created in August 2005. Feedback from members to be invited at the AGM so do tell you what you would like from your website.

AGM AGENDA

The 12th Annual General Meeting of the RAFLAA is to be held at 13:30 22nd April 2006 at the Royal Hotel, Weston-super-Mare. The agenda is as follows:

1. Chairman's opening remarks (Apprentice prayer and Apologies)
2. Presidents Address and Presentation of RAFLAA Trophy.
3. Treasurer's Report.
4. Membership Secretary's Report
5. Election of Officers.
6. Commemorative Window (St George's Church RAF Halton)
7. Newsletter Production
8. Subscriptions

(The Committee proposes to increase subscriptions from £7.50 to £10.00 and the joining fee from £10.00 to £15.00)

9. RAFLAA web site
10. Recognition of 'Golden Entries 74/75/76'
11. Venue and format of AGM/Reunion 2007
12. Any other business

RAFLAA Annual General Meeting 06 (repeat notice)

Saturday 22nd April 2006

The 2006 AGM and annual get together will be held at the Royal Hotel, Weston-super-Mare. This Georgian building opened as the first hotel in Weston in 1810. The Hotel is situated in the centre of Weston, close to the Winter Gardens and the shopping centre. It has its own car park and has extensive views across the bay.

The format is the same as usual with a informal meet & greet over lunch, followed by the AGM in the afternoon and a dinner dance in the evening. Please get your bookings in now.

Provisional Timetable

Friday 21st April 2006	19:00	Informal Meet and Greet at the Aperitif Lounge, Bar, Royal Hotel
Saturday 22 nd April	10:30	Members commence arrival at Royal Hotel
	11:00	Bar facility opens – Aperitif Bar
	12:30	Finger Buffet commences
	13:30	AGM – Birnbeck Suite
	15:00	AGM complete. Tea served
	15:30	Members disperse
	19:00 for	Dinner Dance - Aperitif Bar and Birnbeck Suite
	19:30	

Accommodation Booking

All booking of accommodation **must** be made direct with the hotel:

The Royal Hotel, 1 South Parade, Weston-super-Mare, North Somerset, BS23 1 JP

Tel +44 (0)1934 423 100 . Fax +44 (0)1934 415135

Website <http://www.royalhotelweston.co.uk>

E-mail: royalwsm@btopenworld.com

Please quote: "RAF Locking Apprentices Association Reunion AGM" when making reservations. Accounts must be settled directly with the hotel

All 37 rooms have been booked off for Friday 21st and Saturday 22nd April and are available at the conference rate, including breakfast. The hotel has a lift and disabled access and has one easy access room, but some rooms do have steps within them. A £10 per night deposit will be required per reservation.

Prices

The Royal have 27 newly refurbished rooms and 10 standard.

Rates are per room per night and include breakfast. They are:

Refurbished double £81.50

Standard double £66.50

Refurbished single £41.50

Standard single £36.50

Again it has decided to subsidise drinks purchased from the bar by charging just £1 a glass whatever it's content. Wine will be provided at the dinner.

AGM AND DINNER BOOKING

Please book your places for the AGM and dinner using the form below and post your application to: Mr A Horry, Hillside Cottage, Kewstoke Road, Kewstoke, Weston-super-Mare, BS232 9YD Tel: 01934 628383:
E-mail: horrycorp@aol.com

Application for AGM – 22nd April 2006 **Finger Buffet and Dinner dance**

Name:

Entry No:

Address:

	<u>Number tickets</u>	<u>Total</u>
I wish to book both lunch and dinner (dinner includes wine and disco to follow):	Please provide tickets @ £28pp	£.....
I wish to attend the dinner/dance (includes wine and disco to follow) only:	Please provide tickets @ £20.00pp	£
I wish to attend the finger buffet lunch only:	Please provide tickets @ £9-00pp	£
Total		£

Cheques to be crossed account payee and made out to the "RAF Locking Apprentice Association"

The hotel has asked us to provide information on menu choices. Please complete and return with your booking form

Name	Starter			Main Course			Dessert	
	Country Vegetable Soup	Seafood Cocktail	Fruit Juice	Roast Beef	Breast of Chicken	Vegetarian Option	Apple Pie + Custard	Fresh Fruit Salad+ Cream
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Obituary

Member 389 - Mike Williams 88th Entry

Tony Horry received a call from Mrs Pam Williams today to say that Mike "Snowy" Williams passed away on 24th October as a result of cancer. Mike's service career took him to Ballykelly, Akatori and Colerne and since then has always enjoyed flying and gliding. Pam comes from Wales and met Mike whilst he was an apprentice and they were married for 43 years and would be pleased to hear from any members of the 88th Entry.

Closing Thought

IF I KNEW from John Hall 92nd

If I knew it would be the last time
That I'd see you fall asleep,
I would tuck you in more tightly
and pray the Lord, your soul to keep.

If I knew it would be the last time
that I see you walk out the door,
I would give you a hug and kiss
and call you back for one more.

If I knew it would be the last time
I'd hear your voice lifted up in praise,
I would videotape each action and word,
so I could play them back day after day.

If I knew it would be the last time,
I could spare an extra minute
to stop and say "I love you,"
instead of assuming you would KNOW I do.

If I knew it would be the last time
I would be there to share your day,
Well I'm sure you'll have so many more,
so I can let just this one slip away.

For surely there's always tomorrow
to make up for an oversight,
and we always get a second chance
to make everything just right.

There will always be another day
to say "I love you,"
And certainly there's another chance
to say our "Anything I can do?"

But just in case I might be wrong,
and today is all I get,
I'd like to say how much I love you
and I hope we never forget.

Tomorrow is not promised to anyone,
young or old alike,
And today may be the last chance
you get to hold your loved one tight.

So if you're waiting for tomorrow,
why not do it today?
For if tomorrow never comes,
you'll surely regret the day,

That you didn't take that extra time
for a smile, a hug, or a kiss
and you were too busy to grant someone,
what turned out to be their one last wish.

So hold your loved ones close today,
and whisper in their ear,
Tell them how much you love them
and that you'll always hold them dear

Take time to say "I'm sorry,"
"Please forgive me," "Thank you," or "It's okay."
And if tomorrow never comes,
you'll have no regrets about today.

RAFLAA COMMITTEE

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RAF Locking

Apprentice Association

Application for membership of the
Royal Air Force Locking Apprentice Association

Name..... Serving member HM forces. Yes/No

Address..... Entry Number.....
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Post Code.....

Do you object to your details being disclosed to other organisations? Yes/No
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Telephone No.

E-Mail Address

Name for Identity Badge..... Membership Fee: - £.....
(£10.00)

Do you require an LAA tie? (*Cost £7.50 per tie - max 2 ties*) (Qty) £.....

Total Enclosed £.....

(Please make cheques payable to: - Locking Apprentice Association)

Return this form together with your remittance to: -

Membership
Secretary

John Farmer
8 Glenmore Rd
Minehead
Somerset
TA24 5BQ

(01643) 705443
RAFLAAMS@aol.com

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The Apprentice Prayer

Teach us good Lord, to be thankful
For all the good times we had,
The skills we have learned,
The friendships we have shared
And the companionship we have enjoyed.
May all who have served the apprenticeship of the Wheel
Be ever mindful of the needs of one another.

Amen